Route 7 to U.S. Route 113 —

Special Announcement September 1991

PUNCHEON RUN CONNECTOR: SOUTH DOVER PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) announces that a public workshop will be conducted on Wednesday, September 18, 1991, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, at the DelDOT Administration Building, across from the Blue Hen Mall on Route 113 in Dover (see location map on reverse side of this announcement).

This workshop will focus on the Puncheon Run Connector, the proposed road connecting the new Relief Route bypass east of Dover (presently under construction) with an upgraded Route 13 south of Dover to Road 30. The maps below illustrate the generalized location of the Puncheon Run Connector as approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

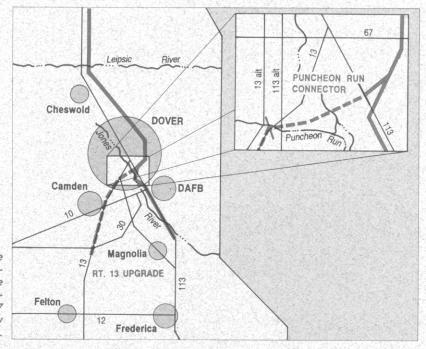
When this location was approved in 1987 by FHWA, the Puncheon Run Connector was scheduled to be constructed late in the overall Relief Route process. DelDOT agreed at that time to reexamine alternative alignments of the connector prior to final design.

The September 18th workshop is the first significant opportunity for the general public to partici-

pate in the re-examination of alternatives to the connector as presently planned and approved. This workshop will provide a chance for the public to illustrate their own ideas for alignment alternatives and discuss them with DelDOT engineers and planners. The decision-making process which led to the selection and approval of the Puncheon Run Connector as proposed will also be reviewed.

DelDOT needs public input *now* to help identify all possible alternatives to the proposed alignment so a comprehensive evaluation process can proceed in a timely manner. Additional workshops—anticipated to take place later in the fall and winter—will examine viable alternatives in greater detail.

All those potentially affected by the Puncheon Run Connector and its alternatives are encouraged to attend the workshops. This includes anyone within the geographic area shown below: as far north and west as Cheswold, and south and east as Frederica. Please notify your neighbors, who may not have received this notice, about the September 18th workshop.



Maps illustrating the overall context and generalized location of the Puncheon Run Connector, as approved in 1987 by the Federal Highway Administration.



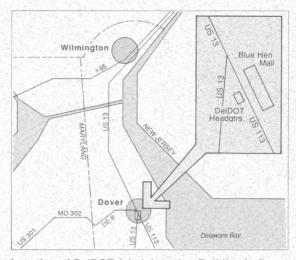
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WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE WORK-SHOP

- An audio-visual presentation about the history and progress of the Relief Route and how the Puncheon Run Connector relates to the overall project.
- Several aerial-photo displays illustrating the approved Puncheon Run Connector and various alternative alignments which were considered in the past as part of the planning and environmental-review process.
- An opportunity to ask questions and express your concerns, and to illustrate for DelDOT representatives and the consultant team, specific suggestions for alternatives to the Puncheon Run Connector.
- A chance to convey in writing your support for or opposition to the Puncheon Run Connector as proposed.
- A description of the next steps—and a general schedule—leading to a Design Public Hearing in the months ahead.



Location of DelDOT Administration Building in Dover.



Delawareans participate in an earlier Relief Route public workshop.

TO OUR READERS

The State of Delaware and the consultant team are committed to continuing the citizen-input process during the design and construction phases of the project. We invite you to write us with questions or comments regarding On the Road or to arrange for a presentation to bring your group up to date on the Relief Route. To receive your free copy of On the Road as well as other mailings related to the project, please write or call us with your request.



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